



There's fun for the whole family at South Carolina waterparks.

water, water everywhere!

By John McDermott

From the coast to the mountains, South Carolina is wet and wonderful.

Whether you're dipping your toes in the warm Atlantic waters that edge our coast, standing knee-deep in a cool, rambling Upcountry stream with a fly rod in your hands or whizzing down a waterslide at one of our popular theme parks, there's no denying that water plays a role in almost every trip to South Carolina.

It's been that way since the beginning, when Charleston (then Charles Towne) was founded back in 1670. Destined to become one of the country's most active ports, Charleston has always been defined by her beauty, her charm, her hospitality and her proximity to water. And as you probably know, a number of our state's most popular vacation destinations are right on the shore—from Myrtle Beach and her 60-mile-long Grand Strand beaches to Hilton Head Island to historic Beaufort. Our tidal marshes and estuaries serve as incredibly rich habitats for wildlife, while providing some of the prettiest scenery you'll ever lay eyes on. And just off the coast, anglers find some of the finest saltwater sport fishing available anywhere in the world.

But the water doesn't begin and end along our 2,800 miles of coastline. Look a little closer, and you'll discover that water touches virtually every corner of South Carolina. Travel just a few miles inland, and you'll discover a winding wonderland of rivers, creeks and ponds. Jump in a kayak, paddle along the quiet waters and discover the lush landscapes that are home to a stunning variety of flora and fauna.

Looking for a little more adventure? Then head to the Midlands and into the foothills of the Upcountry to discover some of our best-kept secrets—the lakes of South Carolina. If your idea of fun is skiing along behind a powerboat, hopping waves on a PWC or wetting a line in a quiet cove, our lakes will not disappoint. From Lake Murray and the expansive Lake Marion to the Upcountry's lakes Keowee and Jocassee, there's something to do year-round on every South Carolina lake.



While you're here, you won't want to miss a chance to explore our stunning waterfalls and rivers. At 400 feet, Raven Cliff Falls are the tallest in the Southeast, while the dazzling Issaqueena Falls—a 200-foot cascade named for a legendary Indian maiden—are among the most picturesque in the nation. And then there are the rivers. From lazy float trips to exciting white-water expeditions to incredible fly and light tackle fishing and more, you'll find them all teeming with exciting possibilities.

Which brings us to the flat-out fun of some of the Southeast's best and most exhilarating waterparks. Kids of every age—and we mean you!—will love getting wet and wild as you experience everything from the twists and turns of the high-speed slides (beware of wedgies!) to the calm cool currents of the lazy rivers. Keep in mind that waterparks are seasonal, operating from late spring until late summer.

So be sure to pack a swimsuit or two before you come, because in South Carolina—the wetter, the better! 🌧️

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